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Gholson Family

Judge J. M. Acker—was born in Anderson, Pendleton District, South Carolina, March 15, 1815. He died in Aberdeen and his body lies in Odd Fellows Rest. He was Captain of Company D. 2nd Mississippi Infantry, Mexican War.

"W. K. Harrison, Sergeant Co. D. Born March 5, 1825. Died April 8th, 1852." He is buried on the Isham Harrison plot in the old Isham Harrison plot in the old cemetery Aberdeen. His brothers were distinguished in the Civil War.

James Thweatt is buried in odd Fellows Rest, Aberdeen.

James Arden Evans saw service in the Mexican War, although not as a member of the Monroe County Company. Probably he was a member of the Tombigbee Company in the First Regiment:—possibly he belonged to the Chickasaw Company. He died Sept. 9th, 1872. Aged 45 years and three months.

Lt. Mann's grave has not been found, but his father and other members of his family are buried in Aberdeen.

Texas War for Independence

The grave of only one soldier in this war has been found in a Monroe County Cemetery. The inscription on the stone over this grave reads: "Michael Fannin late of Austin, Texas. Died May 13, 1854, aged 48 years. This humble tribute is erected by a faithful friend." The Texas Library of History says he enlisted June 28, 1836 in Capt. W. D. Burnetts Company.

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GEN. SAMUEL J. GHOLSON

To the right at the central drive going South through the Aberdeen Cemetery lie lots 176 and 187 in which are buried General Samuel J. Gholson and various members of his family. The Gholsons had no children but the General married a Ragsdale and many members of that large and prominent family were members of his family circle and later in death were placed around him. On his tombstone one read: "General S. J. Gholson Born Madison County Kentucky, May 19, 1808 Died Aberdeen, Miss. Oct. 16, 1883."

Samuel J. Gholson was one of the lawyers who located at Athens, Miss., soon after that town was laid out and chosen as the county seat. In spite of an engaging law practice he was active politically. He contested with S. S. Prentiss for the United States Congress and was one of the targets for the latter's famous "Contested Election"

speech. He won many honors and in time came to be Federal Judge Gholson. Much of the time he was connected with the State Militia. The onset of the Civil War found Judge Gholson fifty three years of age. Nevertheless he went into the Confederate Army and there won some renown. He came back with an empty sleeve. During the eighteen years of his old age subsequent to 1865 he was a leader in the difficult work of reconstruction. Each Decoration Day prior to 1883, saw this white haired, white bearded, one armed old man wearing a sash and astride a white horse leading the Decoration Day Parade.

The Aberdeen Post Sons of Confederate Veterans is named the Samuel J. Gholson Post. The sons honored themselves in naming their post for this noble old Roman.

JOHN ROSS, born Spartenburg, South Carolina, came to Monroe County with his son, John Leland Ross, in 1837, and in the following year brought his family here. They settled in the Hamilton community. Died 1880, aged 93 years. "He was a soldier in some of the early Indian wars." Goodspeed Vol. II, p. 705.

WILLIAM STOCKTON, (Mentioned to you before) reared in Stockton Valley, East Tennessee, came to Monroe County, 1830. "He had seen service in the Creek Indian War". Died July 27, 1833 (marker says 1832). Buried in New Hope (Parham) Cemetery, near Parham's Store (old Jonesboro community). Goodspeed, Vol. II, p. 845.

AUSTIN WILLIS, of Hamilton community, father of Lafayette Willis, was born in Virginia, came to Mississippi in 1816, and settled in Monroe County in 1823. "He was a veteran of the War of 1812." Goodspeed, Vol. II, p. 1054.

AUSTIN WILLIS, Jr., son of the above "was in the Mexican War." Goodspeed, Vol. II, p. 1054.

HATCH WHITFIELD, born May 4, 1794; died Nov. 30, 1878. "He will long be remembered as being a veteran of the War of 1812, during which he served under General Jackson at New Orleans." Buried in Whitfield or Reynolds Cemetery, north of Aberdeen. Goodspeed, Vol. II, p. 992.

(All were in Co. D, 2nd Miss. Inf., Mexican War)

TILMAN J. IRVIN: 3-18-1830 to 6-12-1906. Buried in Center Hill

Cemetery, near Hamilton. He was the father of former Circuit Clerk, W. R. Irvin.

FRANCIS M. IRVIN: d. 9-28-1895. Father of "Little Till" Irvin. Buried in Pickle Cemetery near Sipsey Fork Schoolhouse. Government Headstone: In Civil War he was 3rd Lieut. Co. C, 2nd Miss. Cav.

WILSON P. GRIZZLE: 7-29-1828 to 9-9-1872. Buried in the Hatley Cemetery. In Civil War, he was the 4th Corporal in Co. K, 27th, Miss. Inf.

JOHN WALTERS: 1-12-1827 to d. 1912. Buried in New Hope (Coontail) Cemetery. In Civil War, he was in Co. H, and 2nd. Miss. State Cav.

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THOMAS GREENWOOD AND THE BOGGAN CEMETERY

Less than a quarter of a mile northeast of a brick cottage located on Highway No. 6; which cottage marks the field headquarters of the Amory Gas field is the Boggan Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in Monroe County. The most important county citizen buried in this cemetery was Thos. Greenwood. The inscription on his monument reads: "Born in Virginia, Sept. 17th - 1778. Died in Monroe County, Miss. Nov. 14, 1854.

Thos. Greenwood was one of the first members of the Quincy settlement. We know that he was in the county in 1819 but we do not know how long he had been here prior to that year. He was a large land owner, had many slaves and grew an abundance of cotton. His memory is perpetuated by Greenwood Springs once his property. Most of his family went to Texas, but one daughter, married B. M. Terrell and many of her descendents live in the county now. One son D. C. Greenwood once edited an Aberdeen newspaper. Next to the grave of Thos. Greenwood is that of his wife, Lydia. The inscription on her tomb reads "Born in North Caroline, June 16, 1788. Died in Chickasaw county, Miss., July 11, 1856. Mrs. Lydia Greenwood and her husband were members of the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church as early as 1820. She was a very attractive woman. In one of his letters written from Kansas more than fifty years after he had seen her; W. F. Boyakin wrote most enthusiastically of the grace, charm and intelligence of Mrs. Lydia Greenwood.

Several tombstones mark the graves of members of the Greenwood family. By the side of the graves of the Greenwoods is the grave of Josephine Terrell daughter of B. M. and Elvira

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